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Smoke out of the sea — Tokyo dispatch of Aug. 18 reported a volcanic eruption and crater in the Pacific 300 mi. s.e. of Tokyo. "Smoke like an ato-bomb blast ", clouds of steam, and a crater about 50 yards in diameter. Reported by crew of a US Military air transport plane. No charted islands in the vicinity. (Clip from Assoc. D.M.Costa). . . Some 9 or 10 very slight earthquake shocks recently in Sou. Calif., San Diego & inland.

Ato-bombs & Tornados: Philadel. Bulletin reports that "scientists are dissatisfied" with the dictum of "no connection" between these two - based on the (irrelevant) contention that weather-forces are 'more powerful' than atobomb blasts. The question is now said to be: Can an atobomb explosion trigger an explosion in the atmosphere? This begins to approach an opinion maintained for several years past by BSR Associate E.S.Schultz concerning the possible role of atomic fission products in weather abnormalities. See his 20-pg booklet "Previsional Atomic Research", pgs. 18-20, for the physics and chemistry involved. (BSR Pub.).

The Crop that Never Fails. — Sacramento paper reports 3,200,006 school children by 1963 - more pupils than there are people in Wash., or Minn. or Ala. Los Angeles opens a new grade school every Monday; 60 new ones are required and 50 more are in the planning stage. Number of students on half-day schedules has more than quadru - pled in the last year. The educational situation (and not only in California) is fantastic and in many ways alarming.

Cobras to Boas: Inhabitants of Springfield, Mo., already jittery from finding 12 cobras in their midst, are made no happier by a 7'3" boa constrictor taking a Sunday morning nap under a porch. It is said that boas cannot survive temperatures below 50 degrees, and Springfield thermometers have been down to 26 lately. The ever-useful pet shop man goes on denying that any kind of snake has escaped from his premises. (Cr. Assoc. H.Cronk). Let's not be ridiculous, BUT there's a book-full of evidence that the warm zones are moving northward-- and there are many migratory animals and birds which can detect (say) a coming hard winter, or droughts, floods, 'quakes and other mishaps. Maybe - just maybe, Nature has ways of moving some of her offspring - and the data for teleportation is unpleasantly abundant, 'believe it or not'.

'Saucers' Over Britain: Huge glowing object tracked by radar twice in Nov. according to British War Office - estimated height 60,000 ft. - in sight for 40 minutes; stationary for 15 min. Metallic, to judge by type of radar signal. Also seen by an RAF jet plane at 20,000 ft. Altitude over London, 61,000 ft. (Cr.Assoc. Mrs.A.M.Hardy (Ottawa), Assoc. W.R., T.F. Kuechle, Rev. H.A.Cronk et al. for clips).

Dewdrop Inn: Citizens' Committee for huge Air Pageant near San Diego, Calif., issued a 'deadpan communique' extending an official invitation to commanders of space vehicles to land any such craft at (specified time and place); gave latitude and longitude and radio frequencies, promised full security, and an escort from 50,000 ft, down if desired. And the Navy went so far as to rope off a reserved area for space ships. Three guesses as to whether the Etherians landed or not - No, Yep, and Maybe. These sky visitors are not necessariy visible all the time, you know.

WEST HAVEN SPACE CLUB — The New Haven Register of Sept. 27, '53, devotes a full page 7-column spread to this organization - a remarkably good write-up. Joe Barbieri is Director of Research. "Evidence to support the extra-terrestial origin of the saucers is overwhelming" says he; and Club President Frank Suraci complains that "if they are extra-terrestial it is time that the American public be told the truth by responsible authorities".

AN URGENT MATTER

(The following comes to us in the form of an OPEN LETTER addressed to the President, to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, and to the Secretaries of State, Navy, Army, and Defense; to the joint Chiefs of Staff, and to all others concerned with the welfare of the American people. It is signed by Bessie T. Arthur, of 1958 No. Wilton Place, Hollywood 28, Calif. Dated Sept. 18, 1953. We have been obliged to delete three short paragraphs account of available space. It is printed as being illustrative of a fast-spreading feeling often reflected in the BSR mail). ml.

There must be a righting of things generally, if we are to stem the tide of destruction that foolish people of the earth are bringing upon themselves.

It is essential that people be told the truth about FLYING SAUCERS. This information should come from the government and such other agencies who may now be withholding the truth, so that the people may conform their lives to principles of survival.

It is needless to try to keep the people ignorant of the facts revealed by the FLYING SAUCERS and their passengers. The people must be prepared for seeing the SAUCERS and must know why and from whence they come.

Please reveal immediately the truth regarding these crafts.

Civic, national and international levels should cooperate in helping the people make a peaceful adjustment to these unknown (to them) intrusions in their earthly affairs, in order that we may avoid a planetary crisis through panic alone.

It is believed that the gradual land and sea movements have been tremendously hastened by the destructive use of atomic energy. Over and over again, despite warnings from wise men, these tests have continued.

Surely the citizenry should know the truth about these FLYING SAUCERS.

In this present day, we are sufficiently enlightened that we will not brand as crazy those who are actively concerned with the welfare of the state and its people.

Everything must be righted soon. Those who hold positions of trust must do everything in their power to help.

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A SUGGESTIVE INQUIRY

"Dear Editor ROUND ROBIN:

Please send one copy of "BASIC CONCEPTS OF ELECTRICITY, ETC.," as noted in "Clips, Quotes, and Comments", No. 10. . . . . .

Do you have any data on whether people in any quantity have been subjectively contacted by the "Disc" people? I know of at least one person who says he has been so contacted -- during sleep. Recalls the nature of the contact, and conversation, which was tied up in some way with future events. Exact data I did not get straight, from this person. But he was positive of the nature of this contact. My hunch is that this is the next phase of "contact", if any. Find receptive people **w ho** aren't scared out of their wits, so to speak.

Sincerely,

Associate A.D.B.-
Nashville,Tennessee."

P.S.: Any increase in IQ of 2-3 year olds? Fewer toys -- greater awareness-- Any data?" --

(B.S.R.A. Hqtrs. is today in receipt of Volume I - No. 4 -"PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLLEGE OF UNIVERSAL WISDOM",Yucca Valley, California - P.O. Box 419.- Editor: Mr. Theodore Berger. --- From it, we quote page 3 as follows:)

"MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH:

The following message was received from the beings who operate the space craft, on Friday, October 16, 1953. On Friday, November 6, 1953, Ashtar gave further instructions to mail the message to "your office of Government" on November 20, 1953. This message was mailed on the 20th by registered letter, to Air Force Intelligence, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

'Greetings in the light of love and peace, I am Ashtar, Commandant, Vela Quadra Sector, Station Schare. I bring you Zolton, Commandant from the center of the Sector System of Vela.

'I am Zolton. I extend to you, people of Earth planet, the greetings from the combined federation of our people in the Vela Sector System. The information I am about to give you, you shall record to be advanced to your office of Government at the time we instruct you to send it.

Our craft have prepared and charted facilities for landing on your planet in numerous remote areas. We have given sufficient demonstrations of our abilities in speed and performance. We do not expect to convert non-believers at the moment. There is no need to fear of panic among your people at our approach and landings. For we shall previously condition the minds to accept us. The present destructive plans formulated for offensive and defensive war are known to us in their entirety. The surface of your planet is in our photographic records in detail. Through the control of light forces we can instantly terminate production, transportation, and communication at any time, at any place upon your planet. Our methods do not require that we destroy any single thing. Our laws do not permit us to take human life. They do not however, forbid us to control minds. The present trend toward destructive war will not be interfered with by us, unless the condition warrants our interference in order to secure this solar system. This is a friendly warning."

We utilize this space for a last-minute notice of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW; edited by Elliott Rockmore; GPO Box 853, Brooklyn 1, N.Y. This is a printed (not mimeo.) brochure of 16 pgs., slick paper, 5½ x 8½", illustrated. "Theories of aircraft, moonbeams, radar air inversions and similar impractical ideas will be studied only enough to remove them from authentic reports. The latter will be studied on on the factual basis that they are caused by craft of one or more extra-terrestial races. Standards for studying reports are ".. (etc.- listed). Material published in FSR is condensed and carefully classified (unfortunately in rather fine print) and unquestionably deserves most serious attention.

We recommend that instead of ordering a single copy, our readers send $1.00 for five copies,and pass four of them along where they may do some good ... FSR is the first civilian research magazine, was established in July 1951 - and has always been very cooperative with BSR efforts and objectives.

Many other "Saucer" publications are listed in CQR 10 & 9.

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MEMO. FROM DR. G.N.HOLLOWAY .

Founder and Director of the Holloway School of Philosophy and Religion. He will be lecturing in Steinway Hall, 113 W. 57th, NYC 19, on Sundays at 12:00 noon; 3:00 & 7:45 pm: Tues., Wed. & Thurs at 7:45 pm: from January 3 thru Feb. 28. Those desiring additional information may telephone Dr. Holloway at CIrcle 6-1300; or write to him at Hotel Salisbury, 123 W. 57th, NY 19. Dr. Holloway also adds: "Please rush to me in Buffalo copies of Schultz on Previsional Atomic Research, (BSR pub.); Memo. of the M.P. Seances, 11-12-13; and Release 10-C-53 on Electricity & Magnetism (trance mediumship of Mark Probert); also Dr. Edgar's work on cancer and polio (BSR).

"Keep up your fine work; I am very much interested in it. Your publications are unique and are certainly hitting the mark - you should have 25 secretaries and all the money you need for printing and publishing ... I have been invited to write a regular bi-weekly feature column in Psychic Observer, beginning Dec. 25, & in their issue of Jan. 10 (out Dec.10) I have an article entitled "1954: The Coming of the Space Men" - with credit to the M.P. Controls and the BSR for the Etheric idea.... I approve of your work heartily and have given you publicity before many audiences.."

The Director and Associates of the BSR do desire publicity of the 'right sort' - for one reason only. We believe that we have unique and invaluable information which must be made available to the public if possible to do so. This applies especially to the matter of the Aeroforms (Discs or 'saucers' & other related craft). "Our" explanation of these phenomena did not originate with us. We have been repeating it for eight years. Nothing has happened to invalidate it. All the later data can be covered by it. No other account yet offered can make this assertion. But we do not insist on these facts for purposes of prestige, or of financial gain. The BSR is a public service set-up. We have more work than we can do or than we have funds to pay for. But we have information which may be of planetary importance, and it is not congenial to Western ways of thinking. Hence almost nothing can be done in the way of educating the public. We have hoped, however, to reach a few individuals and small groups who are receptive and well informed. This is probably the most deadly-serious business of racial magnitude which has confronted humanity during the course of recorded history. It is being dealt with by a world of dreamers and very little of what we now call science, religion, and philosophy will remain.

It is in this serious mood that we welcome the support of Dr. Holloway, and of the few other men of similar prominence who have had the courage and insight to give public support - not necessarily to the BSR as an organization - but to certain all-important basic ideas which the BSR Associates are trying to make accessible. Our race and culture are running headlong into a cul-de-sac, and the only possible es - cape is through understanding - thru intellectual recognition and grasp of what is happening, and of the fact that there are no concepts in contemporary thinking which can enable us to meet these new demands. So, when Dr. Holloway refers to us in the many cities where he speaks,it is because he and we have the same basic objectives -- NEWS which is real news, of vital importance, which must be offered, made accessible to the public - NOT as a last-minute revelation which can "save" the world - but as a duty, and as a clue and guide to the few (the very few) who can understand and use the concepts involved - and so perhaps help many others in many ways. This is the purpose and nature of the BSR, and I think all our Associates realize it and that their fine cooperation is rooted in it. -- On this same basis we recommend the writings, lectures and teachings of Dr. Gilbert Holloway.

THE 'ETHERIC EXPLANATION' OF THE AEROFORMS.

The Aeroforms (flying Discs, 'Saucers' and other forms) are emergents: i.e., they emerge onto our plane of perception from a space-time frame of reference which is different from ours. This process may also be described as a conversion of energy and a change of vibratory rates.

When the energy or vibration rates are converted, the Disc becomes visible and tangible. It appears to be, and IS what we call solid substance until the energy is again converted. This amounts to a process of materialization and dematerialization (mat and demat).

Just as there is a spectrum of sound and of color (sounds wedo not hear and color we cannot see), so there is also a spectrum of tangibility - matter which is too dense to be touched. The ordinary matter of our plane is a rarefaction; the interspaces between the nucleus and the electrons (e.g.) are relatively enormous. The extremely dense matter of the ether(s) passes through such earth substance much as water would flow through a screen with meshes a mile wide. If the vibratory rate of an etheric object is slowed down, it becomes less dense and may enter our range of perception.

Etheric matter is subject to the play of the finer forces, including the 'energy' of thought. Any etheric object can be thought into existence, and controlled by the same means. The etheric worlds are as 'real' as ours, or more so, on account of the enormous density of the ethers. They are invisible on account of their high vibratory rates.

The operators of the aeroforms come from many parts of space (or ethers) and belong to different races and cultures. They differ in character and motives and it is impossible to generalize about them. Those who are called Guardians seem to have no fixed habitat, but visit all bodies in the solar system, for exploration and scientific study. To describe them as Venusians or Martians gives only a small part of the truth.

The problems of space travel as we see them - space, time, gravity, cosmic ray emanations - do not exist for the people of the Discs. In converting from one space-time frame of reference to another, there is no 'crossing of space' and no lapsed time. Operations within the earth's gravitational field involve a 'riding' of the magnetic meridians and the equivalent of a gravity shield.

There is said to be a small planet behind the moon which is inhabited by a race similar to our own. It is possible that comparitively short distances such as this may be traversed by different means than those required for interstellar distances.

There is an extensive historical record of visitations similar to this present one.

Mother ships of great size are in frequent use, and convey a considerable number of the smaller Discs which can be released when in vicinity of the earth or any other objective.

The basic situation in which our planet is now involved, goes back to a cosmic condition connected with what is known as the red shift.

The above concepts are believed by us to be approximately correct and to cover all phases of the phenomena when properly understood. More complete information may be had on request.

Meade Layne, Director

Borderland Sciences Research Associates
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PROCEEDINGS of the College Of Universal Wisdom -

William W. Pelley - and "Valor" -- and Dr. George Williamson and his book -- and B.S.R. Ideas about all this -- and-so-forth, fifth and sixth.....

CHILDHOOD'S END - A Book and a Commentary, or Fiction as a Vehicle for Philosophic Ideas. Our world is clay shaped on the Wheel of the Over-Mind.

Concerning "Dr. Kappa" and his thoughts (Etherians are not here for ice-cream-social festivities)-

Paul Brunton -- and, The Climax Of Violence -

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MISCELLANEA:

Major Kehoe and Frank Edwards - broadcast interview of 12-8-53. Author Kehoe said that his statements had been officially approved (for this broadcast) - that many Air Force authorities believed the aeroforms to be interplanetary craft, but others still hope to explain them as natural phenomena -- that the most likely source of the Discs seemed to be Mars, but that it was quite possible Mars was "only a way station". -- The pictures taken over Utah, "explained away" as a flight of birds, are now proven beyond doubt NOT to be birds -- There has been a recent sharp in - crease in sightings, and this (said Major Kehoe) will probably rise still higher as the earth approaches its near-point to Mars ...

The matter of interest to BSR members is the 'Mars as way-station only' idea - which could and should be applied to Venus also. We have insisted from the first, on the authority of the Controls, that when the Space People say they 'come from Venus' etc. they are only indicating general direction and trying to say something intelligible to us - as we say "I came from the Middle West'. The proximity of a 'way-station' might still be a factor.

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Most of the material published in the Proceedings is obtained by ESP, psychic, and spiritistic means - and certainly should not be discounted for that reason. The (probable) communications from the Space People are highly intelligent and friendly in tone - for a write-up see VALOR, No.3 Vol. VI, Nov. 14, '53 (Noblesville, Ind.).

Probably the most important question facing humanity today is "What is the attitude, the purpose, and the most likely action of the Etherian people - the Guardians? We hope that many hints will be gained from the book by Dr.George Williamson, consisting mainly of radio communications from these visitors. It was scheduled for release on this date (Dec.15). We have not seen the ms., but have complete confidence in the integrity and critical abilities of Dr. Williamson. (Please do not order new publications from BSR - our memo. of Williamson's publishers (from VALOR of Nov.28)-is New Age Pub. Co., 1542 Glendale.Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif..

In this connection we herewith note a few items from VALOR Vi-6, Dec. 5, '53.

'Developments are so rapid in the "Saucer" situation that those "in the know" are appalled. . . These developments have convinced us (Dr. Pelley et al.) that it is best to call off the proposed Cleveland convention - and Dr.Williamson's address, until the controversy stabilizes ...

'The Williamson book is not publishable in its present form without the gravest repercussions. Soulcraft (VALOR) is only interested in the entirely constructive features... Unless speakers are amenable to confining their utterings within a compatibility to the Soulcraft illumination there can be no particular point in offering their addresses... With no small regret Dr. Williamson's book ms has been returned to him, and will not be sponsored without deletions and altera - tions ... This is one of the gravest times in the history of our planet.... Dr. Williamson is indisposed toward the slightest alteration unless he performs it himself ... '

These are extraordinary statements. We have great respect for Dr.Pelley's courage and initiative. He has long championed the 'reality' of the Discs and of the Space People, and he has been very friendly and cooperative toward the BSR.

He is 'so right' about rapid developments. We are lucky to get an item into print before something more urgent demands the space. But/and if Dr. Pelley puts off the Cleveland convention 'until the controversy stabilizes', it will never be held. Conventions about Aeroforms and Guardians are about as useful as the clamor of crows before storm - or afterward.

We can well believe, and have expected, that Dr. Williamson's book would have 'grave repercussions'. But this can be said of every single verifiable fact so far come to light in the whole Incursion story. I for one shall regret it extremely if VALOR confines itself to printing 'only articles which are compatible with Soul-craft Illumination,' This can be defended on grounds of policy, public welfare, etc., exactly as with the near-decade of cover-up by the Air Force. Each of us does, or should do his duty as he sees it - and an editor with a high moral purpose may believe that his duty is in secrecy. This is the "Uplift" point of view - with no jeer intended. "Uplift" is always needed, God knows!

But I do not feel that our BSR and its publications are an Uplift enterprise. We try to be completely realistic and factual. If the facts are frightening and unhappy, we try to state them without exaggeration or sensationalism. If a child were killed by a Disc, the fact could be told in three lines, or spread out in 4" headlines six columns wide. We're all for the first of these methods, unless something special is to be gained by our readers from using the other, which would be rare indeed.

We may not be allowed to pursue this policy very long - but meanwhile we are not selecting material on the ground of its being compatible with some illumination of our own. How much more <u>un</u> or <u>non</u> or <u>contra</u>-scientific could one get? - To bring the matter closer home - any time anyone can find a rational and serious objection to the "etheric explanation" of the aeroforms (long expounded by the BSR), we'll print it with headlines of welcome. And the same, with any alternative explanation offered by anyone who shows signs of understanding the "etheric" account.

Our idea is a simple one. We think most of our readers are mental adults, and are entitled to authentic information if available, and to reports and opinions if these are stated as such. "Great Heavens!" exclaimed Tallyrand, "chaos will be ruined!". That's not such a poor way of confronting the Zeitgeist. Or again, in a different vein:'O Yama, thou God of Death, depart from me, for I know thee for what thou art!' This means, I think, that death and fear and the fear of death are born in our own minds, our own reactions, our own ignorance - and if we recognize this and confront Yama with such knowledge, his threatenings will be 'sound signifying nothing.'

But on many points we agree with our friend Dr. Pelley. "No precipitate action.. there are wheels within wheels" in this fantastic business. He reports the findings of Professor Auer and his colleagues, that there have been six cosmic eruptions since 12,000 BC and that present conditions are comparable. About 100 animal species have died out (in recent times?), even bacteria essential to plant life - and the attempts to replace the dying forest of Chile have been entirely futile. This is in the same issue of <u>Valor</u> and we recommend it. (Noblesville, Ind., Dec.5,'53).

CHILDHOOD'S END* -- A BOOK & A COMMENTARY.

Here and there in the jumble of scientifiction one comes across something noteworthy. The BSR publications have not, hitherto, given space to reviews of books of this type. In the present case, however, our readers will easily discern the reason for this departurefrom usual practise.

"It was, of course, only a very small operation from their point of view, but to Earth it was the biggest thing that ever happened. There had been no warning when the great ships came pouring out of the unknown depths of space ... The gleaming silent shapes hanging over every land were the symbol of a science man could not hope to match for centuries. For six days they had floated motionless above his cities ... and not by chance alone could those mighty ships have come to rest so precisely over New York, London, Paris, Moscow, Rome, Cape Town, Tokyo, Canberra ...

"some men had guessed the truth. This was not a first tentative contact by a race which knew nothing of man ... and on the sixth day the Supervisor for Earth made himself known to the world in a broadcast that blanketed every radio frequency ... When Karen had finished, the nations knew their days of precarious sovereignty had ended." ...

There was one attempt at resistance, but the guided missile failed to touch the target. It merely disintegrated, and "the great ship floated unharmed" and ignored the attack entirely. After this "the human race accepted the Overlords."

It is with this scene that Childhood's End begins - the first of many deadly parallels, of imagined events that walk hand in hand with imminent actuality - or so I believe. That is why I ask you-all to read this book with close attention - to the 'right' pages, of course. You will find them, also, plentifully strewn with ideas which might have come from the words of the M.P. Controls themselves.

The book is an effort to convey philosophic ideas in a vehicle of fiction, and to give a reasoned perspective on the last days of our race and the planet we have for a billion years - or a few hours - inhabited.

"I wish people would stop thinking of me as a dictator" said Karellen, "and remember I'm only a civil servant trying to administer a colonial policy ... Believe me, it gives us no pleasure to destroy men's faiths, but all the worlds religions cannot be right, and they know it. Sooner or later man has to learn the truth..."

"In the first year of their coming, the advent of the Overlords had made less difference to the pattern of human life than might have been expected. Their shadow was everywhere, but it was an unobtrusive shadow ... the silent ships had brought peace to the world for the first time in history ... It was amazing that so many abuses, follies and evils could be dispelled by those messages from the sky. Men knew that their existing weapons were impotent against a civilization that could

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*Childhood's End, by Arthur C. Clarke; Book No. 33 of Ballantine Books. An original novel, paper-back, 214 pgs., 1953 . Address the publishers at 404 - 5th Ave., New York 18. Copy, .35.

bridge the stars. So at once the greatest single obstacle to the happiness of mankind had been removed. The Overlords seemed indifferent to forms of government provided they were not oppressive or corrupt, (but) no one knew their motives, or toward what future they were shepherding mankind".

And the face of the world had been remade, the cities rebuilt or abandoned, the pattern of industry and commerce changed completely, crime had practically vanished, there was no one on earth who could not speak English -- all this by the end of the first fifty years. The mad tempo of 20th century life had been slowed down, education was more thorough and more protracted, sexual mores had altered radically (due largely to an oral contraceptive), air transport was perfect, tho anti-gravity was not yet discovered. And of all religious faiths only a kind of purified Buddhism survived - largely because, by the magic of the Overlords' science, the beginnings of all religions could be seen and studied. Within a few days all earth's many Messiahs lost their divinity --

But the fall of religion was paralleled by a decline in science. There were many technologists, but very few original workers. The heart was taken out of fundamental research for secrets the Overlords had known for ages.. And the end of strife and conflict meant the end of creative Art... But no one worried except a few philosophers. Utopia was here at last, as yet unassailed by boredom... A few hundred men had visited the moon, travelling in a small vessel owned by the Overlords and propelled by rockets, but man was still a prisoner on his planet. When the Overlords abolished war and hunger and disease, they had also abolished adventure... There was no evidence that the intelligence of the race improved, but for the first time everyone was given the opportunity of using what brain he had... The abolition of armed forces had almost doubled the world's productive wealth. Everything was so cheap that the necessities of life were free ... a quarter of all activities were devoted to sports and amusement - but there were a few sho still asked, "Where do we go from here?" ...

"When we arrived" said Karellen, "you were on the point of destroying your - selves with the powers science had given you - now - the planets you may one day possess, but the stars are not for man... there are eighty-seven thousand million suns in this galaxy..."

The third section of Childhood's End is called The Last Generation. The Golden Age draws to its close. The Overlords are now referred to more than once as the Guardians. There is a strange tale of the mutant children - and with this, an idea of real and startling import. Karellen says: A century ag o we saved you from destruction - but what that self destruction was, you never guessed." 'The greatest danger was not from nuclear weapons. There are powers of the mind and beyond the mind. Science ignored them, despite the testimony of five thousand years. In the first half of the 20th century, a few scientists began tampering with this lid to Pandora's box... The physicists could only have ruined the earth; the paraphysicists could have spread havoc to the stars ... You might have become a telepathic cancer, a malignant mentality which in its dissolution could have poisoned other and greater minds. So, we came - we were sent to earth. We interrupted your development on every cultural level, but in particular we checked all serious work on paranormal phenomena. It is true that we have inhibited all other forms of creative achievement as well, but that was a seconday effect and of no comparitive importance.' We ourselves do not possess these latent powers ... there is something in your minds which has always eluded us ...'

The Overlords, in short, are intellects almost without emotion - save that of curiosity; but they cannot really solve human problems in any other than a material way, because they have no understanding of the 'psychic' and 'occult' worlds. There is a carefully handled vein of occultism at the heart of the book. To repeat the often repeated: there is no dividing line between science and the "occult" - the occultism of today is the science of tomorrow.

"You must face the fact" (says Karellen) "that yours is the last generation of homo sapiens ... this is a transformation of the mind, not of the body... We do not know how the change will be produced, what trigger impulse the Overmind will employ. This (evolutionary) change will be cataclysmic. You have given birth to your successors. Your children will not possess minds as you know them; they will be the cells of a single entity. We held the clock back for you until these latent powers were awakened... We are your Guardians - no more. Above us is the Overmind, using us as the potter uses his wheel. And your race is the clay that is being shaped on that wheel....'

Let us turn aside from the book for a few paragraphs. 'The superstition of the West is its rationality' says Egon Friedell. The tragedy of the West is its metaphysical illiteracy. The tragedy of science is that it has both fostered this illiteracy and succumbed to it. The upshot is, that when in the likely last days of our planet we are confronted with the incursion of the Etheric hosts, science has no understanding and no recourse - except to dodge, to deny and scoff, finally to fall upon uneasy silence or stupid and makeshift invention, sops to the Cerberus of a fumbling and frightened humanity.

The more incredible thing is this: that Western occultism, in all its Orders and Lodges, instructions and secret conclaves, has not a dozen paragraphs of hard acceptable knowledge about the infinite habitable Ethers and the worlds, peoples and cultures etherian. What has become of the Sapienti of the Rosy Cross. Are they afraid to tell what they know - or do they know nothing to tell? And also, if one silence can be more so than another, what of our good friends the Theosophists? We refer to the Order and its authoritative pronouncements, not to its individual followers, many of whom have long been members and supporters of our own small organization (the BSR)? We are told that before long some authoritative expression will issue from that source. This is greatly to be hoped for. It is desperately needed. May it be as comprehensible to the metaphysical illiterates of our time as is humanly possible. Whoever holds the key to this door had best unlock it - at least make the verbal gesture for whoso cares to listen.

The spiritualists, absorbed in God-knows-what and why, so far seem incapable of distinguishing between an excarnate human and an Etherian. NOT all of them, of course (Heaven protect us from generalizations!). It is thanks to them, that survival and communication can now be referred to as "proven" - in the correct and legalistic sense of that word. But spiritualism remains at bottom a religion - and what is needed now is not a religion or a cult, but information - facts - right knowledge. So far as I can learn, ninety-nine per cent of all the Voices of the seance rooms have been as inept, as blundering and guess-full as have our here-living "authorities" and "experts". Most of these dear friends of ours who have crossed over, and who come back to us in all love and good will, have no more factual knowledge than ourselves concerning this planetary crisis, or about etheric worlds and people. They may bring us consolation, and gentle teachings of service - but our world is now desperately in need of facts. (Yet why should I say this, since when some of these facts are given over and over, even for years on end, they are not welcomed or understood?).

When we questioned the Mark Probert Controls about this cul-de-sac of the Western mind, the reply was, that Eastern esotericism was hardly in better case - and that the "true" and inner teachings were accessible only to those who could read the Akashic Records, the memory of Nature, the imperishable imprints of the reflecting Ethers. That for this reason, such teachings were rarely to be found in print, of any age or language. This I can personally accept - but few are the novices who are are given such doctrine, unpopular and unprovable (in the cheap-peddler sense of that word.